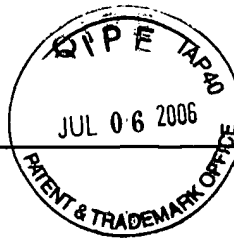


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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (1 month);
2. Response to Office Action mailed March 6, 2006; and
3. Return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the statutory fee of \$120 for a one-month extension of time to counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.132.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.132. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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